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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON :- F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street. GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. Gondon & Goren, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, HENDY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E.C. BANUEL DRACON & Co., 150 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK :- ANDREW WIND, 188, Natsau Street. AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND :-- GOHDON & GOTCH, Mel-

bourne and Sydney. SAN FRANCISCO and American Porta generally :- Bran & Black, San Fran-

CHINA: -Swatow, QUELCH & CAMPBELL, Amoy, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co. Foochow, HEDGE & Co. Shanghai. LAME, CHAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WALSH. Manila, C. HEIMSERN & Co. Macao, L. A. DA GRAGA.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK. ING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, ... 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 500,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS. Chairman-H. Hoppius, Esq. Deputy Chairman-F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

E. R. BELILIOS, Esq. | WILHELM REINERS, W. H. FORBES, Esq. ED. TOBIN, Esq. Hou. W. KESWICK. A. Molves, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER. . Hongkong, . . THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.

. . Ewen Cambbon, Esq. LONDON BANKERS. - London and County Bank

> HONGKONG. INTEREST ALLOWED

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balanco.

On Fixed Deposits :-For 3 months, 2 per cent, per annum. 4 per cent. per cent.

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED. Oredita granted on approved Securities, and every description of Bauaing and Exchange business transacted. Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India,

Australia, America, China and Japan. T. JACKSON, Chief Manager. Offices of the Corporation,

No, 1, Queen's Road Bast. Hongkong, March 29, 1876.

Notices of Firms

NOTICE.

TATE have This Day Opened a Branch of our Firm at AMOY. Mr F. F. ELWELL will Act as our AGENT at that RUSSELL & Co.

Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

NOTICE. MR. WILHELM CARL ENGEL. IVI BRECHT VON PUSTAU, Junior, and Mr CONRAD MUNROE DONNER, have been admitted Partners in our Firm from the First of January, 1877.

WM. PUSTAU & Co., Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai. Hongkong, April 16, 1877.

NOTICE.

TR. EDWARD BURNIE will Conduct the BUSINESS of my OFFICE, during my Temporary Absence from the Colony. R. H. CAIRNS,

Hongkong, March 17, 1877.

Surveyor to Local Offices. and Lloyds Register of Shipping. 2, Club Chambers.

VICTORIA DISPENSARY. N and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPEN. SARY will be carried on by the Under-

signed. WM. ORUICKSHANK, Manager. Hongkong, November 21, 1876,

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on MONDAY.

the 11th June, 1877, (or Private Sale) The well-known Tavern called the N.B.—Stone Quart 3 Sodawater Bottles, THE Undersigned having been Appoint. before the Day of Sale), at 2 p.m.,-"STAR TAVERN," situated in Queen's Road West, No. 200, with FURNI-TURE, FIXTURES, LIQUORS,

de., de., dc. TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7,1.7. J. M. GUEDES, JR., Auctioneer. Hongkong, Mey 23, 1877.

For Sale. FOR SALE.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have just Received an Invoice of COPE, BROTHERS & Co.'s TOBACCOS

and CIGARETTES. COPE'S GOLDEN CLOUD. COPE'S BRISTOL BIRD'S EYE. COPE'S SMOKING MIXTURE. COPE'S PEERLESS CIGARETTES. Core's BOUQUET CIGARETTES. COPE'S FAIRY CIGARETTES. COPE'S FANCY BRILLIANTS.

COPE'S WHIFFS. Hongkong, May 25, 1877. ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. having

of Messrs M. B. FOSTER & SONS, Mesars BASS & Co.,) are prepared to Supply Case of 6 doz. pints.

The Superior Quality of this BEER is undoubted, and L. C. & Co. confidently recommend it.

Hongkong, May 28, 1877.

JUST RECEIVED.

N Invoice of the well-known BRAND A CLARET PAUL DUBOIS & CIE, from Bordeaux. After Dinner Claret Cha-

teau Lafite,\$13.50 per case. After Dinner Claret Chateau Larose,.......\$12.50 Hermitage Crôze,.....\$15.00 A good Breakfast Claret,\$ 3.00 per doz. Champagne Berthault Simon, "dry,"......\$14.00 ,,

A complete assortment of Gentlemen's SHOES and BOOTS, from \$3.75 a \$5.50.

C. L. THEVENIN.

Hongkong, May 28, 1877. FOR SALE.

OUTLER, PALMER & Co.'s Celebrated Brands of WINES and SPIRITS. Apply to

SIEMSSEN & Co. Hongkong, June 22, 1876.

APOLLINARIS NATURAL MINERAL WATER.

POLLINARIS WATER .- "It is, in A our opinion, superior for table purposes to any other mineral water with which we are acquainted. It is strongly efferves. cent, and forms an exceedingly pleasant and refreshing beverage, either alone or in combination with wine; and it is not, we je2 liable to that charge which has been so and Tubular Boiles. Consumption, frequently brought against sods and other Tons per 24 Hours. waters—that they have a depressing effect The Engine is quite new; was manufac-Water."-Civil Service Review.

APOLLINARIS WATER IS CERTAINLY THE QUEEN OF TABLE WATER. It is softer and more refreshing than its only rival Seltzer Water (Nassau Seltzer Brunnen), and is more pleasant to the palate. Over jy16 all manufactured Aerated Waters it has an incomparable superiority.

"APOLLINARIS WATER IS, moreover, a water of great organic purity, another highly important desideratum, in which artificial Aerated Waters often dangerously fail. Its p'ace seems, therefore, marked classes who can select their drinking water. Physicians will find it a valuable addition to their resources as a cool and refreshing drink, antacid, and useful in promoting selb digestion and gastric irritation. Such a water is the sworn enemy of gout, rheumatism, and their congeners."-London Medical Record.

APOLLINARIS WATER .- Dr. HER. MANN WEBER, F.R.C.P., writes :- "Having largely used it during the last seven years, I have found it of great value as an article of diet in gouty dispositions, lithic acid diathesis, in tendency to gall. stones, in some forms of estarrh of the bladder, and in chronic catarrh of respiratory organs; in the latter, either heated by itself or mixed with hot milk or whey. To many persons the Apollinaria forms an agreeable and useful addition to bitter waters, and a good vehicle for some medicines." - Brit. Med. Jour.

CASE OF 50 QUARTS (STONE BOTTLES) \$10 CASKS,, 5 DOZ. SODAWATES BOTTLES \$15

i, Pint mli ,,

\$2 Allowed for the Bodawater Bottles, if Returned.

GEO. SMITH & Co., Agents for China and Japan. NORTON & Co., Agents in Hongkong. May 2, 1877.

For Sale.

FOR SALE. HENRIOT & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Bianche "Dry" TH. ROEDERER & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE, Carte Blanche. JOHN DURAND & Co.'s CLARETS and

WHITE WINES. STARTUP & KENTISH'S PORTS and SHERRIES. Moullon & Co.'s COGNACS, 1, 2, 3 Stars.

BLANCHY FRERES & Co.'s COGNACS. JUSTUS LEMBKE & Co. Hongkong, April 9, 1877.

> FOR SALE, THE IRON SCREW STEAMER " ALBAY."

THE above Steamer was Built in Glasgow in 1872 by Mesars Dobbie been Appointed SOLE AGENTS in Co., under special survey of Licyns', and HONGKONG for the well-known Firm Her MACHINERY AND BOILER were made by Messra James Howden & Co., under special inspection. She was con-(CHIEF AGENTS in ENGLAND for structed to carry a large Cargo on a light draft of water and is well adapted for the Philippine, China, or Japan trade. She ALE and STOUT of their Bottling at \$8 underwent general Repairs in 1875, when per Case of 3 doz. quarts, and \$10.50 per New SAILS, RIGGING, and a complete outfit were supplied by the Hongkong and WHAMPOA DOOR COMPANY, and in March of the present year her Engines and Boiler were thoroughly overhauled.

> DIMENSIONS,-Length between Perpendiculars, 170 feet. Beam, 26 feet 3 inches. Depth of Hold from Ceiling to Main Deck, 9 feet 5 inches. Height from Main Deck to under side of Awning Deck, 7 feet 42 inches.

GROSS TONNAGE, -550 Tons. CLASS.—Built to Class 100 A at Lloyds. Ric.-Brig Rigged,

CARGO CAPACITY. - About 9,000 piculs, or 625 tons Measurement (40 feet.) DEATT.—Light 9 feet : Loaded 121 feet. SPEED.- Kight knots on consumption of 81 to 9 tons of coals per 24 hours.

BUNKER CAPACITY. - 75 tons coals. CABIN.—Under Awning Deck aft; saloon, pantry and five state rooms, with acconmodation for 12 first-class passengers.

MACHINERY.

Engine.—A pair of Howden's patent High 25 inches, and Low Pressure Cylinder 45 & Co., Bank Buildings, where Printed Power nominal; High Pressure Cylinder inches in diameter : Stroke 30 inches. PROFELLER.—Bessemer Steel of 4 Blades,

with One Spare Set of Blades. WINCH. -One Steam Winch with Donkey Boiler on Deck.

BOILER. One Horizontal Tubular Boiler 11 feet diameter, with 3 Furnaces, tested for a working pressure of 60 pounds. MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

FOR SALE.

MARINE ENGINE of 20 Horse A Power Nominal, High and Low are informed by an emineut medical friend, Pressure, with Extra Surface Condenses

upon the system. On the contrary, medical tured by Messrs Matthew Paul & Co., testimony is unanimous in favour of the Dumbarton, and is now deposited in the high therapeutic qualities of Apolinaris Godown of the late firm of Russell & Sturgis, Manila. Particulars may be obtained on applica-

MORRIS & RAY.

Hongkong, March 29, 1877.

Intimations.

DENTAL NOTICE. ON and after the 28th of May, Dr.

STOUT'S Consulting and Operating as the favoured beverage of the favoured ROOMS will be on the Ground Floor of the Hotel DE L'Univers. Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE.

ADJUSTMENT OF BONUS FOR THE YEAR

CHAREHOLDERS in the above Office are requested to Furnish the Undersigned with a List of their Contribution for the Year ending 31st December, 1876, in order that the distribution of the Nett Profits reserved for Contributors may be arranged. Returns not rendered prior to the 31st August pext, will be adjusted by the Office, and no Claims or Alterations will be subsequently admitted.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents. Hongkong, May 1, 1877.

THE UNION MARINE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

at HONGKONG and FOOCH W, are prepared to accept Risks and Issue Policies by any First-Class Steamers, at current rates, Payable either here, in London, in LIVERFOOL, or at the principal Ports of India and the East. BIRLEY & Co.,

Hopgkong, May 21, 1877.

Intimations.

NOTIOE. THE ANNUAL MEETING of the

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB will be Held at the VIUTORIA REGREATION CLUB HOUSE on THURSDAY, the 31st Instant, at 5 o'clock p.m. H. E. WODEHOUSE,

Hon. Sec., V. R. C. Hongkong, May 24, 1877.

GREAT NORTHERN TELEGRAPH Co.

ON and after the 1st of June next and until further notice A WORD RATE will be adopted on the Correspondence between HONGKONG and all places in CHINA and JAPAN, thus only making the number of words actually sent charge-

The following rates will be charged: CHINA:-To Amoy 30 cents per word. To Shanghai. 40 ,,

JAPAN :-- Nagasaki and other places...........80 ... BEYOND NAGASAKI should be added the rates of transmission on the Japanese Government

All places except Hakodati, first 20 words \$2.00, every additional 10 words \$1.00. Hakodati, first 20 words \$4.00, every additional 10 words \$2.00.

Words containing more than 10 letters spatch. will be charged as two words. Rates of Tariff will follow.

A. SUENSON, Suprientendent.

Hongkong, May 28, 1877. THE OURRENCY MEMORIAL

TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN POPE HENNESSY, LIEUTENANT-GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG.

TN Brief, the Memorial draws attention to the unsatisfactory state of the Cur. rency, and requests that no Legislation may be made which would jeopardise or postpone the advent of a clean, undefaced British Dollar for Hongkong, which it is under-

stood that every one in the Colony, Native as well as Foreign (the Shroffs alone ex-Copied', carnesily desires. The original Memorial, to which have been attached the Signatures of over 150 Bankers, Merchants, Professional Men, and Low pressure Engines of 90 Horse Engineers, Manufacturers, Traders, and others, lies at the Office of Messra Sharp

Copies may be obtained. Copies also lie for Signature at several of the Banks, Clubs, Stores, and Hotels.

NOTICE.

LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSIT INSURANCE Co.

THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE Co., of 20, OLD

BROAD STREET, LONDON. By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary.

137. Leadenhall Street, LONDON. 1st January, 1877.

> THE MARINE INSURANCE Co. 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

ESTABLISHED 1836. CAPITAL,£1,000,000 STERLING.

RESERVE FUND,....£ 340,000 TATITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSUR-ANCE Co. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL

STEAM TRANSIT Co., and has Appointed Mr A. McIver as its AGENT in Hong-By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE,

Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE Co. by any First Class A. McIVER,

Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of Hongkong, February 16, 1877.

shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOODHOW. The Steamship " YE880." Capt. S. Ashton, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 31st Instant, at Noon, instead of the time previously notified, For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, May 29, 1877. FOR FOOCHOW (DIRECT.) The British Steamer will be despatched as above

2nd June, at Noon. For Freight or Passage, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,

Hongkong, May 20, 1877.

Shipping. Steamers.

CASTLE LINE OF STEAMERS. FOR SHANGHAL

The Steamer "GORDON CASTLE," expected here on or about the 1st Proximo, will have immediate despatch for the above Port. For Freight or Passage, apply to ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,

Agents. Hongkong, May 29, 1877.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR YOKOHAMA. The A 1 British Bark "GLAMIS," this as above on FRIDAY, the

1st Proximo. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, May 28, 1877. FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship " HIGHLANDER," HUTCHINSON, Master, will load

here and will have quick de-For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, May 24, 1877. FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A 1 British Ship "MADURA," STANTON, Master, will load here and will have immediate

despatch. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, May 18, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "THOMAS LORD," "THOMAS LORD,"
HALL, Master, will load hera
and will nave quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, April 26, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Ship "NEW ERA, SAYER, Master, will load here and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, April 27, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK. The A 1 American Bark "ALBERT RUSSELL," Captain CARVER, will load here and will have quick despatch.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, April 20, 1877.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO. The A1 American Bark "ROSETTA MoNEIL," BRI WN, Master, will load here and will have immediate de-

spatch as above. For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co. Hongkong, April 14, 1877.

FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Ship "LALLA ROOKH," HENDER, Master, will load here and have quick despatch.

Hongkong, April 28, 1877. FOR LONDON. The A 1 British Clipper Ship " LEUCADIA,

MEYER & Co.

For Freight, apply to

MEARNS, Master, will load here and have quick despatch. For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hougkong, April 20, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY. The A 1 British Barque " NOVELTY," Captain Colliver, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch as

For Freight or Passage, apply to BOZABIO & Co. Hongkong, May 10, 1877.

FOR SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, The A 1 American Barque "HELENA," Captain Snow, having most of her Cargo engaged, will have quick despatch as above. For Freight, apply to

RUSSELL & Co. Hongkong, Nay 10, 1877.

shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK. The American Ship

"FLEETWING," Guest, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will load here and/or at Whampoa, and have quick despatch for the above Port.

For Freight, apply to OLYPHANT & Co. Hongkong, May 25, 1877.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

JOHN KEY, Master, will leave | THE S. S. Elgin, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Goods by her are hereby informed that their Cargo is being landed at their risk by the Undersigned and stored in their Godowns, whence and/or from the Wharf or Boats delivery

jel | may be obtained. Optional Cargo will be sent on to Japan unless notice to the contrary is given before 2 p.m. To-day.

Goods remaining undelivered after the 2nd Proximo will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & Co..

Agents. Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. THE BRITISH SHIP WESTERN

CHIEF, FROM LONDON. ONSIGNEES of Cargo by the abovenamed Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate

delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co.,

Agente.

BARQUE HOPE, FROM LONDON.

HIS Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

> DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, May 25, 1877.

signees' risk and expense.

BARQUE CHINAMAN, FROM LONDON. HIS Vessel having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Conalgnees' risk and ext mas. DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.,

Hongkong, May 21, 1877. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH SHIP CARRIOKS. FROM LONDON.

in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-

named Vessel are requested to send

Hongkong, May 10, 1877.

MEYER & Co.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. GERMAN BARQUE IRIS, FROM HAMBURG.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods. Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Con-

signees' risk and expense. ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Hongkong, May 19, 1877.

MONSIGNEES of Cargo per German Barque CAURA, THIRMEN, Master, from HAMBURG, are requested to take immediate delivery of their Goods from Cargo impeding the discharge will be

landed and stored at Consignees' risk and Bills of Lading will be countersigned by WM. PUSTAU & Co.

Agents, Honghong, May 22, 1877.

intimations.

PIANO TUNING.

A. HAHN, PRACTICAL PIANO MANUFACTURER, REPAIRER, and TUNER, begs leave to inform the Community of Hongkong of his arrival at this Port on a visit, and that he is now Prepared to TUNE and REPAIR PIANOS, HARMO-NIUMS, Etc., at Moderate charges, during his short stay.

Orders left in care of Messrs LANE, CRAW-FORD & Co. or Messrs CHAS. J. GAUPP & Captain Brown.-Vogel, Hagedorn & Co. Co., will meet with prompt attention. Hongkong, May 23, 1877.

THOROUGH CORRESPONDENT and ARITHMETICIAN Desires an ENGAGEMENT. "Activity," care of this Office.

Hongkong, May 26, 1877. NOW READY.

CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I., A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 202.-By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D.

Price: Two Dollars and a Half. To be had from Messrs Lane, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai, Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship Captain REYNIER, will despatched for YOKOHAMA on THURSDAY, the 31st Inst., at 10 a.m. H. DU POUEY.

Hongkong, May 30, 1877.

NOTICE. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "AMAZONE," Comdt. MORTEMART, will be despatched for SHANGHAI on THURSDAY, the 81st May, at 5 p.m. H. DU POURY.

Hongkong, May 30, 1877. COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES

MARITIMES AMAZONE.

NOTICE.

MONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. Indus, from London, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing. Compo will be forwarded on

unless intimation is received from the Consigness, before To-DAY, the 30th Inst., at Noon, requesting it to be landed here. is of Lading will be countersigned the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after Mon-DAY, the 4th June, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY, Hongkong, May 30, 1877.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE.

EIT HEIW MOITCHERMOD MI ORNTRAL

UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES

ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "BELGIO" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokop.m., taking Cargo and Passengers for Japan, the United States and Europe. Connection is made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghal.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the ______ Parcel Packages will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day: all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same a required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6 months are issued at a reduction of 20 per cent. on regular rates. For further information as to Freight

or Passage, apply to the Agency of the The Company, No. 87, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMORY, Agent, Hengkon; May 80, 1877.

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

ANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will sell by Public Auction, in their Sale Room, Praya Central, en FRIDAY,

the 1st June, 1877, at Noon,-Fancy Bottles, Fancy Toilet Scaps, Brass Candlesticks, Watch Glasses, Tea Sets, Penknives, Scissors, Dolls, Dram Bottles, Paraffin Matches, Cash Boxes, Condensed Milk, Cheese, Vermicelli.

Fireproof Iron Safes, 24 inch to 86 inch. Manila Rope

Out Nails, 14 inch to 21 inch. White Lead, and Black Paint, 30 cases Boord & Son's Old Tom, 6 dozen Bottles Quina Laroche. 40 boxes Paté Zed.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7. The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the

fall of the hammer. Hongkong, May 80, 1877.

To-day's Advertisements.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Meither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour :--

Rosina, American 3-m. schooner, Capt. C. W. Hansen.-Arnhold, Karberg & Co. Rosetta McNeil, American barque, TULLOCHGORUM, British 3 m. schooner, je6 | Captain Mason, - Wieler & Co. HANNAH LAW, British ship, Captain R.

Greig.—P. & O. S. N. Co. Vesta; German barque, Captain R Dirks. - Melchers & Co.

HANNAH & MARY, British barque, Capt. A. Smith.—Order. FORMOSA, German barque, Captain Schweer.—Melchers & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 29, Amazone, French steamer, 2650, Mortemard, Marseilles April 22, Naples 24 Port Said 28, Suez 30, Aden May 1, Galle 16, Singapore 22, and Saigon 26, Mails and General.-MESSAGERIES MARITIMES. May 29, Emma, German barque, from

Whampoa. May 29, Formosa, British barque, 915, Hongkong, May 23, 1877. Newcastle (N.S.W.) March Coal.-ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co. May 29, 7 p.m., Feronia, German steamer

1085. H. Schlutz, Saigon May 25 (8 p.m. Rice.—WM. PUSTAU & Co. May 30, Priam, British steamer, 1572, S. H. Butler, Liverpool April 5, via ports of call, and Singapore May 23, General.-

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE. May 30, Gwalior, British steamer, 1719. J. C. Babot, Shanghai May 27, Mails and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.

DEPARTURES. None.

OLEARED. T. L. Sweat, for Hollo. Albert Russell, for New York. Emma, for Newchwang, E. von Beaulieu, for Newchwang, Anna, for Foothow.

PASSENGERS.

Per Amazone, for Hongkong : from Mar-Mesers Inverarity, Lewis, and Muttel; from Galle, Mr Edward Edgard; from Singapore, Messrs J. T. Buchholtz, and Lee Teck Goo, son and servant; from Saigon, Mr and Mrs Nicolopoulo, and 3 Chinese. For Shanghai | from Marseilles, Mr Ruegg, Mr and Mrs Drysdale, Messrs Gray, Walker, and Lamande. For Yoko-

hama : from Marseilles, Mr Blanc. Per Priam, from Singapore, &c., Major General Sir Francis Colbourne and Aidede-Camp, and Surgeon General Gilborne, Europeans, and 600 Chinese,

Per Gwalier, from Shanghai : for South-Miss Cowle, and Mr W. Andrew; for Hongkong, Mesars Tata, J. T. Thorn, R. Coulthard, and 3:

Per Feronia, from Saigon, 60 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS. The French steamer Amazone and German | 20, George, steamer Feronia reports: Strong N.E. 22, Birling (s.), winds and heavy sea greater part of 26, May Queen,

The British steamer Priam reports: Fine weather and S.W. monsoon to Sapatu | 29, Commissary, changeable weather from thence up strong | 29, Cygnus, gales from N.E. latterly.

The British barque Formosa reports: Left Newcastle with Northerly winds, which we retained until the 1st April, had Southerly winds to the Lat. 13 S., and thence to 6 S. variable winds. Thence light winds and calms with heavy rains to 5 N. Got moderate to light N.E. trades wind from 6 to 20 N., then South-westerly winds for eight days, which on the 24th May had increased to a heavy gale from West, and from that time had light E. N. E.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS MAILS will close:-

For YOKOHAMA.-Per TANAIS, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 31st inst.

For SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW .- 27, Undine, Per YESSO, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, Jan. the 31st inst., instead of as previously notified

For SHANGHAL. Per AMAZONE, at 4 p.m. To-morrow, 22, Belted Will, the 31st inst. Late letters received | 28, City of Aberdeen, London from 4.10 to 4.30.

For SAIGON. -Per OYPHRENES, at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, the 1st June.

for FOOCHOW. -Per BUWEN, at 11.30 a.m., on Satur- 28, Isle of Erin, day, the 2nd June. For BANGKOK -

Per DANUBE, at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, the 5th June, instead of as previcusly notified.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET,-

French Contract Packet A V A. will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 9th June, with Mails to and through the Mar. United Ringdom and Europe, vid Marscilles; to Salgon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Australia, New Zeac land, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Sey-chelles, Réunion, Mattritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helens, and Ascension.

ASSORTED PERFUMERY in Letters thay also be forwarded to India by this Packet. The following will be the hours of closing the Malis, do :-

Friday, June 8th .-5 r. m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Nicht Box, which remains open all night. Baturday, June 9:h .--

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Registry of Letters coases.

11 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late (11.10 a.st., Letters (but Letters only) except those to and through Aus-

tralia, may be posted on payment of a Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until 11.30 A.M., when the Post Office Clusts

Jel Hongkong, May 26, 1877.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:-MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET,-The English Contract Packet GWALIOR will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 2nd June.

The following will be the hours of closing the Malls, do. :-

Friday, 1st June,-5 P.M., Money Order Office closes. 6 P.M., Post Office closes except the NIGHT Box, which remains open all night. Saturday, 2nd June.

7 A.M., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence. 10 A.M., Post Office closes except for Late

Letters. Registry of Letters ceases. 10.15 A.M., Letters may be posted with LATE FEE of 18 cents extra Postage till 11 A.M., when the Post Office CLOSES entirely.

addressed to the United Kingdom Via Brindisi or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, 11.50 A.M., when the Mail is finally

11.30 A.M., Letters (but Letters only)

Shipping Intelligence. The following is corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers :-

VESSELS TO ARRIVE. AT HONGKONG. Remarks. When left. Name. From. Cardiff 4, Benclutha, 22, Sophie, New York

C. R. Bishop London Hamburg Woodhall, Batavia, Hamburg

Robert Henderson, Buryport Polynesia, Carrizal, Cardiff Daphne, London , Leading Wind Antwerp Therese Behn, Cardiff Matchless, Cardiff

Cactus O. Cardiff F. P. Lichfield, Cardiff Cardiff Penrith, London London London Cardiff Sunderland v. S'pore D. McB. Park,

Janet Ferguson, Lales of the South, Cardiff Brown Brothers, Khedive, Antwerp Paracca, Cardiff A. S. Davis, Cardiff Nimbus, Cardiff. Cardiff 8, Lord Macaulay,

Cardiff Golden Spur, Antwerp, London 9. Victoria, Swanger 19, C. W. Cochrane, Liverpoo Warrior, Cardiff Cardiff Cardiff

27, Soindia, London 27. Fortuna (s.), Antwerp London Cardiff for Canton Cardiff Cardiff Sydenham.

London Kalsow. Cardiff Hamburg Antwerp , H. S. Sandford (s.) Cardiff . Galatea (s.) Cardiff 13, Penshaw, Antwerp Cardiff 14; Antipodes

Hamburg Gordon Castle (s.), London James Wilson. Glengyle (a.) London-18, Titan, Cardiff 18, Diomed (a.), Liverpool

Newcastle (N.S. W.) May 28

May 26

11, Windhover 31, Forward Ho. London

3. Caller Ou. Cardiff 10. Sir Lancelot. London 15, Coldstream. New York London

Greenock London 6. Messonger. New York 20, Moses B. Towers. Newcastle (N.S.W.) Alfred Hawley. Sydney Sydney 28, Thermopyles, Sydney Sydney 26, Stratheden,

AT AMOY. 16, Bessie Morrie, Greenock AT CHEFOO.

7. Alcostia. Cardiff 26, Babylon, Newcastle (N.S.W.) LOADING FOR CHIMA AND JAPAN PORTS. At London. -Steamers via Suez Canal. Nankin. Glenorohy. Amboto, Altona,

Lorne

Cassandra.

Builing Vessels. Dtike of Abertorn, Abbey Cowper. James Shepherd. Melbrek, Kate Carnie. Fordinand Brumm, Wyle, At Liverpool.

Mikado.

Lotus.

Achilles (etr.) Menciaus (str.) At Newcastle (N. 8. W.) for H'konge Orested Wave. Kacort. Papillon. J. S. Stone. At Sydney (for Shanghal).

Black Adder. Serapia.

" Dates followed by an asterisk denote jed simo the steatuers left Singapore,

CARGOS Oceanic, sailed 28th May, 1877 :- For Yokohama, 32 cases Yellow Motal, 227 pkgs. Tea, 7,305 bags Sugar, and 217 page. Merchandise. For San Francisco, 318 pkgs. Tes, 46 boxes Opium. 800 Empty Quicksilver Flasks, 4 bales Raw Silk, 1,100 bags Sugar, 9,602 bags Rice, 312 bags Tapicos, 18 bags White Pepper, 40 boxes Nutmegs, 10 boxes Mace, and 2,864 pkgs. Merchandise. For Boston, 30 cases Chinaware, and 306 pkgs. Tes.

Per S. S. Deucalion, Hongkong to London, sailed 29th May, 1877:-152,921 lbs. Canton Congou, 95,911 lbs. Canton Sc. Or. Pekoe, 206,427 lbs. Canton Scented Caper, 1,920 lbs. Canton Sorts.-Total 457,179 1bs. 23 pkgs. Silk Piece Goods, and 196 pkgs. Sundries.

New York, 4 rolls Matting, and 4,065 pkgs.

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, June 1:-Noon. -General Weekly Sale by Mesars Lane, Orawford & Co. Glamis leaves for Yokohama.

SATURDAY, June 2:-Noon.-English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe. Noon. - Bowen leaves for Foochow. 9 p.m.-Meeting of Zetland Lodge. Goods per Elgin undelivered after this date subject to rent.

MONDAY, June 4:charges.

SATURDAY, June 9:-Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.

Monday, June 11:-2 p.m. - Sale of Goodwill, Furniture, Fixtures, Liquors, &c., of the "Star Tavern

FRIDAY, June 15:-3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW. Shipping.

10 a.m. - Tanais leaves for Yokohama. Noon .- Yesso leaves for Coast Ports. 5 p.m. - Amazone leaves for Shanghal.

Meeting.

5 p.m. - Meeting of the Victoria Recreation Club at the Club House.

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DEATHS.

At Tientsin, on the 19th May, of typhoid fever, HANS G. CLASEN, of Christiansund, Norway.

At Colombo, ADOLPH MEYER, of Tientsin Estate, Bogawantalawa, Ceylon, formerly of Hongkong, aged 42 years.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 30, 1877.

It is to be feared that the currency question will be discussed ad nauseam before it reaches a final settlement, but it is important that the public should know something of what was done in the matter at the recent private meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. If are rightly informed the first proposition laid before the meeting was one from Mr T. Jackson to the effect that moderately chopped dollars should be made a legal tender. Mr Jackson's argument in support of this proposition was that we come here as foreigners to deal with the Chinese, who have things pretty much in their own hands, and that consequently it is advisable for us to conform as much as possible to their customs and conditions. This reasoning has no doubt considerable force, and, so far as can see, it embodies hearly everything that the Chinese have to advance in support of their position. The arguments against it are that it is not the plea advanced by the Chinese themselves, masmuch as they complain of loss and injustice; that there is no greater obligation on our part to accept an objectionable currency from them than there is ontheir part to accept a bale of damaged goods from us, nor are they in a better | She remained until the 4th inst., to enable position to force broken silver upon us, her to coal and procure fresh provisions, and at their own price, than we are to reject it; and that by according to their request we shall be encouraging them future day look back upon with disgust. Mr Jackson's proposition was supported by Mr Keswick and Mr Gibb, and opposed by Mr Nelson, Mr Francis, Mr Ldnwould be experienced in drawing the .- Calcutta Englishmen,

and, say, badly chopped ones. This objection appeared to have considerable weight with the Chamber, for the proposal was changed in favour of one to the effect that dollars which are not out or pierced, weighed at 7.1.7, and of full weight, should be recommended as a legal tender. This resolution was passed, and has, we believe, been forwarded to the Government. It will be seen from this that the resolution was for making only certain defaced coins a legal tender in the Colony. We draw particular attention to this matter, because an impression has been created that the proposition passed in the Chamber was for making broken or defaced coins generally a legal tender. The fact of the matter is that if bankers and merchants felt inclined to do so they could render such a resolution as this, on its becoming law, the least possible advance towards the acceptance of chopped and mutilated coins in the Colony. The dollars must be neither pierced nor cut; they must be whole coins, and, what must be fatal to any fidel as to Holy Russia's honesty and good great amount of chopping, they must weigh 7.1.7. Under all these conditions we should say, that if any such resolution as this ever becomes law, and the foreign firms here feel inclined to kick against a Goods per Amasone undelivered after mutilated coinage, they will be able Turk. In that eventuality, England's Noon, subject to rent and landing to exercise such a large amount of select right arm, H. M. Navy, will come to the tion in the currency offered for their front, and it is therefore an interesting acceptance, that we fear the Chinese will still continue to labour under the impression that they have a grievance. Is it also proposed under this resolution to weigh each dollar that is chopped, lieved Sir James Drummond, consists of because although it has been mutilated it may or may not weigh the 7.1.7 ? if. it does, it is a legal tender, providing it has neither been pierced or cut, if it does not, then it can only be accepted as so much bullion, which will continue at

a discount, The feeling in favour of a Commission appears to be on the increase. It is felt that the evidence taken would not only be of considerable service to the Government, but would place it and the community generally en rapport with views and feelings on the matter of the Chinese, who would doubtless be to offer some useful suggestions as to the best means for checking the chopping. It will not be forgotten that the Chinese cannot bring their views and grievances before the public here as readily as any other section of the community. There are probably not half-a-dozen Chinamen in the Colony who could write a letter fit for publication in an English newspaper. The Government itself, however, is the best position for deciding as to the desirability of appointing a Commission, and, for our own part, we have very little feeling on the matter.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Datty News (Shanghai), states that the Loudown Castle and Gleneagles from Hankow, with new season's teas, passed Woosung | out to sea on the afternoon of the 25th Considering that the market only opened on the 18th inst., this is quick despatch, and reflects credit on the agents. Whether it shows equal discretion in the part of th shippers, is another question.

THE Calcutta Englishman says, that the Government has notified the quantity of Bengal provision opium to be sold during the calendar year of 1878, will be 54,000, that is 4,500 chests at the monthly sales. view of the increase of 6,000 chests next year, and to guard against a fall in the price of the drug, the Government has resorted to the alternative of raising the pass duty on Malina opium from Rs. 600 to Rs. 650 per chest, and will pay also eight annas per seer (2 lbs.) less to the cultivators from July next. The object is no doubt to lessen the quantity of what is not a monopoly; that which it prepares with so much care may be largely consumed, without any decrease in the revenue derived therefrom.

His Excellency the Lieut. Governor yesterday paid a visit to St. Paul's College, as well as the Victoria Gaol, accompanied by the C. Smith. This is the second visit H. E. has paid to the latter institution, since his advent here, thus shewing the interest he the Royal Arsenal on April 18. They takes in its administration. When H. E. was there, four chair-coolies happened to be sent to the Gaol in default of a fine of 25 cents each for plying for hire after 12 o'clock at night. The appearance of the men and the nature of the offence of which they were | projectile both within and without the gun convicted-which at worst was only a too eager desire to earn an honest livelihood- arsenal locomotives next conveyed the party excited the sympathy of His Excellency, and he ordered the men to be liberated by his paying the fines for them. This was at to be unusually interested in the performonce done, and the amount of the fines was sent in shortly after his return to Government House.

THE Melbourne Argue says: -"The Hertha, a German war steamer, carrying 19 guns, Straits, and Ceylon. arrived on the 30th March from Auckland. then left for home.

MESSES. Thomas Watson and Co. in their | Kaltenbach v. Mackenzie. This was an in a practice which is admitted on all well-known firm of London ten dealers, the ship Admiral Protet, and was tried sides to be most reprehensible and useless, Messrs. George White and Sons, which is well and which they themselves will at some worthy of the attention of the growers of tea | Guildhall sittings. The vessel was charters in India. It is that during the past season teas have been sent to London from China and on going down the river, near Saigon, from Indian seed, having all the characteris- off and surveyed, and as it was stated that ties both in leaf and liquor of Indian teas, the vessel would cost more to repair than stead, and a German gentleman. It was This seems to foretell a serious competition pointed out that the greatest difficulty from China with the specialité of Indian tea,

line between moderately chopped dollars | THE Rangeon Daily News, of the 8th May, contains the following telegrams, which are more detailed than those hitherto published

London, May 7 .- Latest advices from Capetown state that on the 12th April the British Government annexed the Transvaal, and that special Delegates were going to be despatched by the Republic to Europe and America protesting against annexation. Armed resistance is, however, improbable. The British Ironclad Squadron at Corfu has received orders to rendezvous off Crete. Latest advices from the seat of war-Asia Minor-state that the Russians have completely invested Kars, and that they have twice assaulted it, and each time been repulsed with heavy loss, and compelled to

Constantinople, May 6 .- The Sultan has eceived the title of Defender of the Faith.

WHETHER England will get involved

in Russia's war in the cause of Russian Christianity, civilisation, and humanity against the anti-human Turk is a question upon which different opinions may be formed. It is clear, however, that, to the grief of many good men and women in England. the present English Cabinet is paganly infaith in the whole matter, -an infidelity which is shared by all England's dependencies, and all other nations, -and has assumed an attitude of armed neutrality, which may possibly soon resolve itself into one of question how that Navy is distributed at the present moment. The following was the distribution according to the latest home papers. The Mediterranean squadron, now under Admiral Hornby, who has resixteen men-of-war, with several smaller vessels, of which the following are ironolads, Alexandra, flagship, Monarch, Hotspur, Pallas, Research, Rupert, Sultan. Swiftsure, and Devastation. The last is the most powerful vessel in Mediterranean waters. The channel squadron consists of but four iron-clads, under Vice-Admiral Seymour, Minotaur, flagship, Black Prince, Defence, and Resistance. At Portsmouth and other home ports, there are many vessels commissioned and ready for sea and for the protection of the coasts, while three powerful new iron-clads, Temeraire, Dreadnought, and Inflexible, will be shortly ready for active service. On the North American and West Indian stations there are half-adozen corvettes and sloops, under Vice-Admiral Sir Cooper Key in the Bellerophon, On the West coast of Africa and at the Cape of Good Hope there are about a dozen vessels, none very powerful, under Commodore Sullivan. On the way home from the Cape there is the Flying Squadron of four frigates Immortalité, Topass, Narcissus and Newcastle, under Admiral Rowley Lambert, which, it will be remembered, passed through here on the way home from China. On the East India station, there are ten frigates, corvettes, and gun-vessels under the command of Rear-Admiral Corbett. C. B., who has just succeeded Rear-Admiral Sir R. Macdonald, K.C.S.L., in the Undaunted. On the Australasian station, Commodore Roskyns has five corvettes and other vessels under his orders. On the China station, in which is included the Straits Sottlements, Admiral Ryder, in the iron-clad Audacious, commandasix corvettes and sloops, nine gun-vessels, and several small gun boats. Real-Admiral de Horsey. is on the Pacific station with half-a-dozen corvettes, and should war break out with Russia, will, unless reinforced as no doubt he will be, have enough to do to cope with the Russian squadron of eight or nine yessels in San Francisco harbour. On the China coast the only Russian vessel is a small gun-boat, the Skobol, at Shanghai,-

Straits Times.

(L. & C. Express, April 20.) Latest Mail Advices :- Yokohama March 12. Shanghai March 2, Foochow Feb. 28, Hongkong March 8. The French mail, via Marseilles, with the advices dated as above. from China and the Straits Settlements, was received on the 16th inst., and the Japan mail, via San Francisco, per Occidental and Oriental Company's steamer Oceanic, on the 17th inst. The next inward and O.) mail, from Yokohama 6th, Shanghai 9th, Hongkong 15th, Singapore 22nd Merch, left Brindisi on the 18th inst. and will reach London to-morrow, two days

In the House of Commons on April 13th, in answer to Mr Pesse, Mr Bourke said:-The papers relating to Mr Grosvenor's mission to Yunnan have been printed, and they would have been in the hands of members before now were it not for the fact that we have been waiting for a memorandum which Sir Thomas Wade is preparing with respect to the Chefoo Convention. I saw Sir Thomas Wade this morning, and I hope to have that memo-Right Rev. Bishop Burdon and the Hon. C. randum in a very few days. After that I trust there will be no delay in presenting

> The Chinese Minister and suite visited proceeded first to the torpedo range at the canal, where they witnessed some trials of the Whitehead fish torpedo, several very successful " runs" being made. They were then taken to the butts to see one of the 38-ton guns fired, and the method of measuring the rate of flight of the was explained by Col. Younghusband, Capt. Owen, and other officers. One of the to the Royal Gun Factories, where the operations of rolling, coiling, and welding were illustrated, and the visitors appeared

ances of the great hammer. A Post-office notification has been issued stating that the rates of postage from the United Kingdom to Siam and Sarawak, via Southampton, Marsellies, and Brindisi, will in future be the same as to China, the

The appointment of Mr John Pope Hennessy as "Governor and Commanderin-Chief of Hongkong and its dependencies" was officially announced in the Gaze'te of the 17th inst.

before the Lord Chief Justice at the last ed to carry a cargo of rice to Hongkong. marked "Assam kind," grown, it is supposed, the ship struck on a shoal. She was got her value when repaired, it was decided to sell her. She was purchased by a Chinaman, who repaired her, and she had been

question raised was whether there had | vened and asked them not to make a row been a constructive total loss, and at the over a few dollars. The defendant retorted hearing of the cause judgment passed for by asking what had that to do with the the defendant. Application was now made | complainant, and immediately struck a blow on behalf of the plaintiff for a new trial, on his face with his fist, giving a black eye. which was granted.

type of vessel to be added to the British Moss without lodging, he kindly shared his building at Pembroke-yard, the Iris is a order to buy provisions, and the underswift and powerful despatch boat, armed it standing he had with Mr Moss was that if is true with ten 64-pounder guns, but still a he should get employment, he would have war vessel which will trust rather to its | to pay. He did get a ship and was going speed than its fighting qualities. It is an to remove his clothes without paying the unarmoured vessel, but nevertheless stoutly | defendant. They had a quarrel in conseconstructed of steel, of which metal there is quence and the complament interfered. at the present moment a complete flotilla Defendant told him to mind his own busibuilding. Though not measuring more than ness and ordered him to leave the house, 3,735 tons, the Iris carries engines, more but he would not go and defendant had to powerful than other vessels twice her size, push him out. He fell and struck against the indicated strengh of her engines being a safe. The complainant begged the Magisno less than 7,000 horses, which will, it is trate to deal mercifully with the defendant anticipated, carry her through the water at | as they were friends before. Fined \$2. a speed of eighteen knots, or twenty miles This high rate of sailing is to be secured by a special arrangement of her twin screws, so that it is very possible that she may outstrip even the swift torpedo launches of which we have heard lately. The Iris and Mercury will be attached to our fleets, or ply between Great Britain and her foreign stations, and at a pinch may be converted into troopships, to carry succour to the colonies. Besides these two steel ships there are six corvettes also building of the same metal, vessels smaller than the Iris, but armed more heavily. These corvettes, which are to be cased in wood, are all building on the Clyde, at Messrs Elder's yard at Glasgow. Besides carrying a dozen sixtyfours, they will each of them be provided with a pair of seven-inch revolving guns, competent to pierce most ironclads affoat, while at the same time the corvettes will be so light and seaworthy as to be capable of at felling down a fir tree near the ground of once sheering off from any armoured adver- Mr Sassoon's at Pokfoolum. The defendsary whenever they may think proper. They ant said he was an under-gardener to Mr will all carry powerful engines, and thus Sassoon, and the tree he cut was within constitute a class of swift cruisers, at once his master's grounds. Remanded till the useful for defending our coasts and for 31st instant, for precise locality to be service upon the high seas. Despatches respecting the removal from

the British navy of Captain Hobart, and his subsequent reinstatement, have been laid before Parliament. The despatches are fifty-one in number, and range in date from December 26, 1867, to January 25, 1875. The removal took place in 1868 in consequence of Captain Hobart having entered the Turkish service without the permission of the Admiralty. Captain Hobart asked to be reinstated, but his request was refused, Lord Clarendon considering that the reinstatement was not in any way required by the public interests. Correspondence on the subject ceased from May, 1869, until October, 1874. On the 16th of the latter month, Captain Hobart, or Admiral Hobart Pacha, wrote to Lord Derby, asking that his name might be restored to the Navy List, on the ground that the interpretation put on his removal paralysed his efforts, and placed him under a ban of disgrace. To this request Lord Derby acceded on Nov. 3, 1874, it being his opinion that the " reinstatement of Admiral Hobert Pacha would be of material advantage in supporting him in the position which he occupies at the Porte, and might properly be accorded as a matter of Imperial policy without affording a

precedent detrimental to the discipline of

the service." Hambuig, April 17th.-In consequence of the prevailing easterly winds the arrivals have been scarce, but departures were numerous, and our harbour at present does not represent a great number of vessels. The business between here and the Far East seems slowly to be recovering; cargoes, although only to be had at low rates, are less scarce, and there is all appearance of a middling but steady business. The barques Adolph, Horn, and Vega, Nortvedt, both for Hongkong, have left with full cargoes (both being chartered at a lump sum); the Galatea, s.s., Boehme (German Steamship Company), has also left for her usual route, being a full ship. The Bellona, s.s., Ahrens, has arrived from China via Amsterdam. The Woodville, Nelson, Meteor, Dinckelberg, and Marco Polo, Zaeger, have taken the berth for Hongkong; the Adolph, Hupfer, for Shanghai; and Gerhardine, Hansen, for Singapore. The Pe lona, s.s., is advertised to leave on the 8 th April for China; the Anna, Moennich, for Singapore: Ino, Mahn, for Bangkok; and Vesta, Schomer, for Manils, are still leading. It is a long time. The telegraphic news, both as to the posisince our harbour contained so many tion assumed by Great Britain and regardtering business in this direction. The read with interest. passenger trade to New York, &c., is worse than ever.

> Police Intelligence. (Before the Hon. O. May) May 80, 1877.

LARUBNY.

Chun Aping, a coolie, was charged by Mr J. M. De J. sus, a clerk at the Aberdeen Docks, with stealing a quantity of Munta Yellow Metal. He was sent to one month's hard labour.

BREACH OF THE BROTHEL ORDINANCE.

Ho Amui, the mistress of a foreign brothel in Cochrane Street, was charged with having committed a breach of the Ordinance in that she admitted a Chinese visitor. Fined \$100 or three months' hard labour, she having been proved to have attempted to bribe Inspector Lee with \$80. in order not to bring the case forward.

A SHILLING A DAY.

Low Alum, a stone outler, was charged by Chun Ahing, with an assault under the following circumstances. The complainant was cook to some stone-cutters and had cook. ed, as he alleged, sufficient rice for the men, but the defendant brought two friends. and the rice broams insufficient. The defendant then got angry and gave him a black eye. He also struck him with an from drill and caused several contusions on his head. Fined 10/ or 10 days' hard la-

ASSAULT.

James Shi-ld, a boiler-maker, residing at N. 80, Hollywood Road, was summoned by C. Goddard, late an engineer on board the Hulloung, for an assault. The comdefendant's house to get his clothes. De that the decision arrived at by Russia can. Kukhtar Pacha eccupies an impregnable out of order. Mr Wells, by throwing out and proper regimental organisation, bince lendant had a dispute with Mr Moss about | not have its sonsurrouse of approval. | Position at Heghalidagh,

engaged in the coasting trade. The some money, when the complainant inter- Russia has declined to reply to this He was struck again, and shewed several The steel ship, Iris, which was launched contusions on the head.—The defendant at Pembroke last week, is the first of a new said he was out of employ, but seeing Like her sister, Mercury, also room with him. He pledged his watch in

Chin Asze, trader, was charged by Pang Aloi, a Police Constable, with having returned from deportation. He was going into a house of ill-fame when he was apprehended, and shortly afterwards a girl produced a pillow box which belonged to the defendant. In the box the Constable found \$23 in money and a number of things, also several pawn-tickets of Macao representing property to the value of \$100, as well as a number of pawn-tickets of Hongkong representing the value of \$210. The prisoner was an old convict and had been deported. Remanded till the 4th June

OUTTING TREES.

Lo Ahoi, a gardener, was charged wit ascertained. Bail in \$5.

TRAFFIC IN WOMEN.

Wong Atal, a married woman, living in the "fashionable" quarters of Graham Street, was arrested on a warrant for baying bought two young women for the purpose of prostitution. The complainants, who were aged respectively 16 and 17 years, had run away from the house and got into the hands of Inspector Cradock. They swore to an information before the Magistrate, upon which a warrant was granted for the arrest of the defendant The girls charged her with having frequently ill-used them and forced them to become prostitutes. It was because they refused and because they could not stand the ill-treatment, they ran away from the house. Remanded till to-morrow.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MORE CHOPPING.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL" Hongkong, May 30, 1877. Str. -In the pros. and cons. of the currency question, it seems to me that the debasement of the Mexican dollar, by Chinese, has not been sufficiently touched

What these innocents, who profess inabllity to adjust the price of their wares unless broken silver by weight is made a legal ading is going on at different points of the tender in Hongkong, demand, is that they Danube : it is expected that the Russians shall be allowed to take a Mexican dollar | will shortly attempt to force the passage of weighing say 7.2, remove as much silver from it as will bring down its weight to 4 or 5 or 6 mace as required, see the silver thus removed legalised currency, pay for Silk or Tea with this light counting dollar, re-selling in Canton or Foochow for dollarsby weight, and lastly, finding the dollar they have deliberately robbed a portion of its silver, back again in Hongkong a legal

tender by weight.

Yours truly, GAMMON.

ARRIVAL OF THE FRENCH MAIL.

The M. M. Co.'s steamer Amazone Mortemard, commander, with the London mails of 20th April, arrived last night. vessels on the berth for the Far East as at ling the movements of the opposing armies present, a proof of the existence of a bet- on the Danube and in Armenia, will be

TELEGRAMS.

(Straits Times Extra.) Allahabad, May 1 .- The transit of war material to the Frontier has been attracting such attention recently, that it is now announced by authority to be only the accomplishment of a long deferred project of exchanging the Sniders of Frontier Regiments for Martini Henry, and usual ordinance movements in ordinary routine of Arsenal arrangements.

It is confessed, however, that the Rawal Pindee Brigade is being equipped for any

Calcutta, May 3.—There is no truth in the Statesma's report that the Government of India wished to locate a British Envoy with troops at Kabul. The project was never even contemplated.

Allahabad, May 3. - The Cashmere frontier is disturbed by supposed Afghan intrigue. Four regiments of the Maharajah's troops have been despatched to Gilgit Visitors have been recalled from Astor by the Resident. Major Sandeman reports that Quettah and Candahar are quiet. The Chiefs are paying friendly visits. The Pass telegraph is nearly complete. A Company of Sappers and Miners and three European Officers leave Roorkee for Quettah im-

mediately. Constantinople, May ? .- The Porte has consented to the German protection of Russian subjects in Turkey.

Berlin, May 7 - During the visit of the Emperor of Germany to Metz, the Cathedral was partially destroyed by fire.

London, May 7.-A despatch of Lord Derby, answering Prince Gortschakon's ducke. circular despatch justifying the war, Re-Petershall repudiates the arguments set forth in it; and declares that the Emperor of Russia therein vi lates the treatles of 1856 and 1871, separates hituself from the European concert, and departs from the role he himself had consented to, since he was discharged from the Hailbong and Rushis has assumed to act in the interest of at Erseroum, the difficulty in obtaining had since been lodging at Mr Wohlters', England and of the European powers. Lord supplies is hindering the advance of the On the 28th inst. he went with a Mr Moss, Derby concludes the despatch by stating Russian army, the centre of which is onthe Chief Officer of the ship Adela, to the that the British Government now declares camped on the plain before Kars. Ahmed

Constantinople, May 8 .- Several Turkish ironolads are bombarding the Russian positions on the Danube.

London, May 8 .- In the House of Commons last night a scene of indescribable tumult and confusion ensued on Mr Gladstone's with drawalof a portion of his resolutions. The speech of Mr Cross, in answer to Mr Gladstone, is generally praised. In it, he expressed abhorrence at the Turkish misrule and clearly defined England's Eastern policy, which he said was to protect the Sues Canal, to guard Egypt, and not to permit interference with the freedom of passage of the Dardanelles and Bosphorus, not merely for the sake of England alone, but for the sake of Europe and mankind in

London, May 8 .- In the House of Commons last night Mr Gladatone unexpectedly withdrew the most obnoxious portion of his Resolutions. The Marquis of Hartington then accepted the remainder. A debate ensued, during which Mr Gladstone vigorously attacked the policy of the Govern-Sir H. Wolff moved an amendment proposing the rejection of Mr Gladstone's Resolutions. Mr Cross declared that Russia was answerable for the rupture of the European concert, and (? but) that if the Czar adhered to his promise not to attack Constantinople, no question as to English interests could arise. The House approved of the adjournment of the debate to Tuesday. Accounts of the fighting before Kars are most conflicting. The Czar has arrived at Moscow.

Constantinop's, May 8.—The Turkish batteries at Widdin are bombarding Kalafat and the Roumanian batteries are replying. The Russian troops are moving towards

Berlin, May 8 .- The North German Gazette states that the Prussian War Minister has resolved to increase the German army in Alsace and Lorraine.

Constantinople, May 8 .- In the speech made by Prince Charles of Roumania today, he complained of the Turkish attacks on Danubian ports, and said that he regarded war between Roumania and Turkey as inevitable. The German and Austro-Hungarian Ambassadors at the Porte are returning to Constantinople.

Florence, May 8 .- The Italian Senate bas rejected a Ministerial bill dealing with clerical abuses.

Madras, May 8. - The Marquis of Sallsbury has written to the Madras Government to check emigration to Ceylon, owing to the scarcity there. The Duke of Buckingham has replied that he cannot do anything, as kanganis with advances are in Madura collecting people. No order has been received at Simla for Indian troops to mobilize in response to English mobilization. The Persian troops are concentrating near Bussorah, threatening Baghdad.

A British gun-boat has gone to Bussorah to watch our interests. No rain ; prospects of famine increasingly gloomy. Loudon, May 9 .- The Czar reached St.

Petersburg yesterday. London, May 9 .- In the House of Common last night, the Hon. Mr Hardy denied the aunouncement made in the Times of the 5th instant, respecting the forces being under order for foreign service. The debate on Mr Gladstone's resolution was resumed. Mr Lowe attacked, and the Attorney-General and Lord John Manuers defended, the Government. The House. approved the adjournment of the debate till Thursday.

Constantinople, May 9 .- Heavy connonthe river. The Russians are reconncitring in Armenia, but no further fighting has

St. Petersburg, May 9.—An Insurrection against Russian rule has broken out in the province of Terekand (in Circassia), and reinforcements of Russian troops are being despatched to quell the rising.

London, May 9, -Consols 93%, Bar Silver London, May 10 .- The Duke of Edinburgh, on board the ironclad Sultan, has

gone to Oreto, and will afterwards proceed to the Suez Canal in her. London, May 10.—Consols 93ff. Bar Silver 54 9-16.

London, May 11 -Turkish accounts state that a serious attempt was made on Wednesday by the Russians to cross the Danube at Reni, near Galatz. A bridge was successfully thrown across the river, when a force of Turkish infantry and artillery, assisted by three gun-boats, attacked the Russians and broke the bridge, and finally defeated them with great loss in killed, wounded and prisoners. In the House of Commons Mr Bourke replying to a question said he had heard it was intended to close the Suez Canal against the Russian war-

vessels, but not against other ships. London, May 11 .- Latest advices state that a reconnoitering party of Cossacks crossed the Danube at Galatz yesterday when a sanguinary engagement ensued with Bashi-bazouks, and that the attempts of the Russians to cross the river were yesterday prevented at several points. The Russian Government has established civil Government in the occupied district of

Bucharest, May 11 .- In to day's sitting of the Roumanian Chamber of Deputies, resolution was adopted declaring the tie between Turkey and Roumania severed, and authorizing Government to a cure the independence of Roumania.

Armenia.

Commons the debate on Mr Gladstone's 2100,000 had been done at 5s. 84d @ 5s. resolutions continues. The majority of the | 82d. Contervatives urge upon Government the observance of atrict neutrality. The Liberals are divided, some being favourable to the dismemberment of Turkey, whilst others disagree with Mr Gladstone.

London, May 12 .- The Turkish account that the Russians unsuccessfully attempted to throw a bridge across the Danube at Reni, and were defeated, is entirely unconfirmed. The latest advices state that artillery fighting along the Danube continues, and that the Russian batteries at Ibrails have exploded and sunk a Turkish ironelad, with 200 men on board,

Valparaiso, May 12. - The city of Inuque, in Peru, has been destroyed by an earth-

St. Petershurg, May 12,-The official despitches from Tiffis state that the Russians have arrived at Divadio, and that the population all along have welcomed them.

London, May 13. - According to telegaphic advices from Heuter's special correspondent

China. SHANGHAI.

(News.) The North-western provinces are not the only ones that have been suffering from scarcity during the past winter. Th Governor of Honan reports that the crops showed a deficit of 50 per cent, and some 70,000 refugees congregated and were relieved in the neighbourhood of the provincial capital.

The Peking Gazette of the 6th May on "The Past and Future of Ships of invents rather a good name for lawyers. They are "professional fomenters of litigation;" and one Yang Lien-yeo, who received Tis. 80 for drawing up a petition which is declared to contain false statements, is sentenced to transportation into military servitude, to be branded, and to receive 100 blows !

been extraordinary excitement amongst the Chinese connected with the Silk trade, owing to the very alarming reports which they have circulated freely amongst foreigners as to a failure of the growing crop. It is reported that some of the large hongs have telegraphed to Europe and America pierce thick armour, but it will not more to buy up at the last quoted rates; and no | effectually pierce a vessel devoid of armour doubt the effect of these messages has been to improve prices at home, but not so such a vessel, with engines below the waterdeliveries, as yet. Reports from the country line, if possessed of good speed, would not are not to be very much relied on, but the | be prevented from approaching the gunboat following comes from a source which may by a few shots in the hull. Such shot prove as good as any to be obtained :- | would do no serious damage to the approach-Haining, Hangchow and Hoochun districts ing vessel, which would continue her adare giving a very bad result indeed; Nanzing and Shonling are turning out an purposes such craft as the Chinese guninferior yield, whilst Hoochow, Linghoo and Sinzu are very fair. Kahing is expected to be also fair, but it is too early to give any proper report. On the whole the crop can scarely be anticipated as likely to be anything but below an average, and the quality is not favorably spoken of. The high prices we quoted yesterday seem only to have been given for small quantities to be used as musters. Up to the present, foreign buyers seem to have received all these alarming rumours with equanimity. Possibly bad trade generally, and no demand for silk, coupled with uncertain and uncomfortable political news, has deadened that spirit of speculation which, in former years we recollect, such reports would undoubtedly have brought about.

It is said that the Chinese Government have negotiated a loan of 21 million taelsat 8 per cent., and 5s. 8d. exchange-with an English firm. But similar reports have been so often started of late, that we give

this one with all reservation. It is said that the terms of the new loan are as follows :- 5 per cent. interest is to be paid from the date of shipment, and 10 exchange is fixed at 5s. 8d. The Chinese borrow 24 millions down, and have the option of taking another 26 millions on the Tis. 2,000,000 to the use of the army in soil, now that the Imperial authority has been re-established.

The Peking Gazette of the 9th May gives the numbers of the successful candidates from each province, at the recent metropolitan examinations. This province (Kiangsn) stands at the head of the list, with 26; and is followed closely by its neighbour, Chehkeang, with 20.-It is worthy of note that the number of candidates who came forward was considerably less than in the previous

It is reported that Blue Elephants have been bought, in the interior, at Tis. 490. The report of the Shanghai Gas Company shows a not profit on the year's working, of Tls. 26,917, out of which two half-yearly dividends have been pald, amounting to Tls. 18,000.

We hear the Gwalior has about 150 tons of new tea on board, brought down by the Tungting, from Hankow, and that more is expected to arrive, to-day (26th), for shipment by her, from Kinkiang.

Telegrams from Foochow say the Glenearn and the Deucation were likely to leave (with new teas) on the morning of 25th .- Two steamers from Fo chow are reported to have passed Whitechapel Island on the morning of the 25th-supposed to be the Glenearn and Glenfielas

We have pleasure in rublishing the report of the Shanghai Temperance Society. for the past year. The total receipts have been \$16,256 and the expanditure \$16,085, against some \$4,500 less under each head last year. The figures show that the Society is doing increasingly useful work.

A correspondent writes :- Buying is going on too fast again; and we, here, make the crop worse than just year. But I shall not be surprised if they make it better, in London. It all depends upon the market when the tea arrives! The Loudoun Castle, Gleneagles, and

Glenartney are all likely to leave tomorrow, and all nearly together, though the "Castle" being a little farther advanced with her loading than the others, may be able to steal a few hours on them. -The Braemar Castle, Tartar, Glenearn, and Stad Amsterdam will follow soon .- Teas are coming in from the country very freely, and it is expected the whole of the first crop will be shipped in about three weeks or a month; the Chinese making a very fair profit on their operations. Tsung-yang teas were turning out better than expected, and were selling at 35 @ 36. - Exchange about

(Singapore Daily Times.)

Jewelry, diamonds and money, to the value of \$100,000, were, the Rajah Mahdie reports, stolen from his house in Short Street last night. The police are making inquiries into the circumstances of the case, but the thieves have not yet been discovered. We are informed that a claim of \$2,000

has been made by the Municipality against the Tangong Pagar Dock Company to cover damages done to the three Engines engaged during the great fire at the wharf. An application has, we are informed, been

Library from a resident in Saigon, asking that the Library privileges should be accorded to the English residents in that Bettlement, if possible, as it would be a boon they would much appreciate, the want of English books being much felt in the Colony. On the 7th May, Mesers Wells and Servais

made a second balloon ascent at Batavia. Regulars will in no case exceed 443,000 After rising to a height of 13,000 feet, the balloon made but little head-way, and began | this number, though there is plenty of arms to descend, owing to something in it getting for them, will have to shift without officers ballast, lessened the repidity of the dearent, the gondlusion of peace the troops on the

and the anchor of the balloon was caught in a tree near Sukabumi, and the balloon itself fell amongst trees and upon their branches. -Both the aeronauts made their way, luckily, with whole skins out of the tropical vegetation. The safety valve of the balloon was found to be broken. The place of descent is 12 miles from Weltevreden.

· GUNBOATS.

Mr. John Bourne has written a pamphlet

War," in which he says that the Chinese have had some gunboats of the Staunch class lately built with powerful guns, but with a speed only of nine knots. Such craft would be easily run down by any ordinary steamer of strong construction and good speed, and must prove little better than man-traps to the persons on board. During the past week there seems to have do not expect that the vessels said to be now proposed by the Italians ever will be built. The cost would be enormous, and after all, the money would be wasted. Gunboats of the Staunch class are also now too late. What are they intended to do? A 13-inch gun can no doubt be made to than a much smaller gun would do; and vance and run the gunboat down. For war boats are now obsolete, and are a source of weakness rather than of strength.

LAUNCH OF AN IRONCLAD FOR

JAPAN. Foo. so, built for the Japanese Government total may be divided as follows :- For by Messrs Samuda Brothers, from the the Danube and the Balkans, 100,000 designs of Mr. E. J. Reed, M.P., was men; for Asia Minor, 80,000; on the launcted at Poplar. Among those present Greek frontier, 30,000; the remaining were the Japanese Minister, Wooyeno 90,000 being scattered around the fron-Kagenori, and suite, and Madame Wooyeno, | tiers of Servia, Austria, and Montewith Mr. Lane, English Secretary to the negro. In addition to this they have no Legation, Dr. S. Kinns, and a number of doubt an indefinite number of irregulars, Japanese gentlemen who are residing in who are only an encumbrance in modern England as students; the Chinese Minister, | warfare, eating the provisions which should Kuo Ta-Jen, the Assistant-Minister, Lieu go to sustain the really efficient troops, Ta-Jen, the Chinese Secretary, and Dr. Macartney, English Secretary to the Legation, &c., and many others.

The suip was christened in the usual way by Madame Wooyene, who said in Japanese | ant states that the private soldiers appeared "It gives me great pleasure to name the to be of good material, but the most fortufirst Japanese ironclad which has been | nate of them had five months' arrears of built in England. This vessel will be remarkable as one of the most formidable officers appeared to be comparatively of the fleet of His Majesty the Mikado. per cent. from that of arrival. The rate of hope it will also be remarkable by bringing honour on the flag which it will bear, and oredit to those who have designed and to those who have built it. May the great same terms. - The money is to be applied - God speed the Foo-so." The launch was perfectly successful, and the ship glided the North-west, and Tls. 3,000,000 for the into the water amid the hearty cheers of purchase of seed and implements to enable the multitude assembled. She was then the people of Kansuh to resume tilling the towed to Millwall Docks to be fitted by Messrs Penn and Sons, of Greenwich, with twin ser-w engines of 8,500 indicated horse

The vessel, which is named after the celebrated mountain of Japan, is 220 feet in leogth. 48 feet in breadth, and 31 feet inches in depth; her burthen is 2,348 tons, and her displacement 3,700 tons; her armour is 9 inches and 7 inches on a 12. inch teak backing ; her armament will be four 18-ton and two 10-ton steel guns, arranged so as to enable a fire to be maintained over every point of the horizon. The ship is provided with a ram and a running in bowsprit. The armouring is on the " belt" system ; thickness of armouring | 12,000 men, and 6,000 more are destined on the water-line amidships is nine inches. and this is maintained for the whole of the magazine, engine, and boiler spaces. When the ship is fully laden her speed will, it is estimated, be thirteen knots. She will carry sufficient coal for a voyage of 4,500 miles, and her canvas (17 000 square feet, barque rigged) will enable her to go entirely without steam. She has iron decks, and is built in thirty-two separate compartments. The vessel was designed with a view to the greatest reduction of size, and the utmost handiness; consistent with great speed and a capacity to carry heavy armour. The contract was entered into at the end of Sept. 1875, the ship to be completed within twenty-five months. She now has her iron lower masts in, and her lower rigging set

The composite corvette Kongo, also built for the Japanese Government, was successfully launched on April 17 by Earles' Shipbuilding C mpany at Hull, the Japanese Ambassador and others being present. She is a vessel of about 2,000 tons and 2,500 horse-power, and a sister ship is being built by the Milford Haven Shipbuilding Company. She will carry nine Krupp guns. The corvettes have been designed by Mr. E. J. Reed, M.P., who was present at the launch. The Kongo is named after a mountain in Japan, and was christened by Mrs. Lane, the wife of the English Secretary to the Japanese Legation.

THE ARMY OF THE PORTE. The official Russian Invalide says that a short time ago, after the conclusion of peace

numbers of men and guns :---19,000 men, with 30 guns, in Bosnis; Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., 24,000 men, with 24 guns, in Herz govina; Mexicans, 24 24,000 men, with 18 guns, at Novi Bazar ; Gold Leaf, ... 15,000 men, with 30 guns, in Albania | English Sovereigns, 3,000 men, with 6 guns, in Macedonia; 13,000 men, with 18 guns, in Epirus and Discount, 749 Thessaly; 45,000 men, with 102 guns, on eastern frontier of Servia; 16,000 men, with 48 guns, on the southern frontiers of | Hongkong Bank, 26 % Servia; 4 000 men, with 6 guns, in the Union Ins. Society of Canton, 1750 Dobrudscha; 30 000 men, with 144 guns, Ohina Traders' Ins. Co., \$2,400 at Varna, Rustchuk, and Silistria ; 7,000 | Chinese Insurance Co., \$220 men between Sitore, Tirnovo, and Berk- Yangtare Ins. Association. Cls. 700 ovatz : 25,000 men in Southern Bulgaria ; B.K. Fire Ins. Co., \$542 22,000 men, with 18 guns, at Constantino- China Fire Ins. Co., \$145 ple; 9,00; men, with 24 guns, in the H.K. & W. Dock Co., 321 % dis. -Archipelago; 67,000 men, with 162 guns, R.K. C. & M. S. boat Co., 8 % on the Russo-Trans-Caucasian frontier; Shanghai Steam Navigation, Tis. 80 19,000 men, with 6 gues, on the Persian | Hongkong Gas Co., \$75 frontier; 8,000 men in Kurdistan | 22,000 Hongkong Hotel Co., \$621, sales. men, with 108 guns, in Syria | and 14,000 | Chinese Imperial Loan, £104 men, with 86 guns, in Arabia. Total in Europe, 367 battalions, 83 squadrons, 468 received by the Secretary of the Raffles guns, or about 250,000 men | total in Asia, 165 battalions, 64 squadrons, 372 guns, or about 120,000 men | grand total, 870,000 men. To the above must be added 3,000 Sappers, 20,000 gatrison troops, 45,000 Redifs recently levied, and a fresh reserve in course of formation. The

Russian Invalids holds that toe Turkish

men, and that the I-regulars in excess of

Servian frontier have been sent to Northern Bulgaria, while those farther to the west are nailed to the spot by the Montenegrin and Albanian movements. The Herzegovinian forces were strengthened by a portion of the Bosnian battalions to make up for other Herzegovinian regiments conveyed by water to Varna. The utmost number available against Montenegro at this moment is computed at 39,000 men. According to the same official authority, the latest intelligence reports about 60,000 Turks at Widdin, 20,000 at Rustchuk and Silistria, and about 7,000 further west on the Danube. A little further south and in immediate connection with the troops on the Danube, there are some 42,000 men, while the Varna-Shumla line is occupied by 25,000 men. The latest ascertained total north of the Balkans is about 160,000 men; south of the Balkans, about 50,000. The latest estimated total on the Russo-Turkish frontier in Asia between Batoum, Kars,

and Erzeroum, about 80,000. The Belgrade correspondent of the Times, writing on April 17, says :-

From an officer of rank belonging to a distinguished corps in Western Europe, who has recently visited the Turkish lines along the Danube, I learn that the Turks have the following corps on the line of the Danube and the road from Rustchuk to Varna :- at Widdin, 20,000 men; at Rustchuk, 12,000; at Silistria, 20,000; and at Shumla, 45,000-making, with scattered detachments, about 100,000 men of all arms available for the defence of the Danube and the Balkans. He says that, from information gathered along the Turkish lines, he estimates the total effective force that Turkey can bring into action along her whole frontier in Europe and Asia at 800,000 men, which coincides with their estimated effective force telegraphed to you On April 14, the ironclad man-of-war several days ago from this place. This arousing hatred and discontent among the resident populations by their lawlessness and utter worthlessness in action, invariably running away at the first fire. My informpay due, and a large proportion of the worthless.

> Summing up scraps of news about the strength of Turkey, which Reuter's agents have picked up from time to time, but not confining our search to the telegrams addressed to India, we make out that the Danubian quadrilateral, consisting of the four fortresses of Schumla, Varna, Rustchuck, and Silistria, is defended by 72,000 men with 92 guns; at Widin are stationed 58,000 men with 80 guns; and the line of reserves, including the troops withdrawn from Servia, is composed of 25,000 men and 50 guns. The garrisons of Adrianople and the capital are estimated at 40,000. The Ottoman forces in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and on the Montenegrin frontier, are said not to exceed, on the most liberal reckoning, 32,000 men, broken up into: small separate detachments. In Asia Minor, an army of 72,000 is stationed at various points along the frontier. This includes the garrison of Kars and Batoum. which latter place alone is said to hold for the defence of Erzeroum. The second line of defence at Saganli is strongly fortified. Great exertions have lately been made to bring up reinforcements and get the troops into their several stations. The Russian army on the Caucasian frontier is shown as 110,000 men only. According to recent rumours at Constantinople. Russia was only postponing the declaration of war till she should have raised her forces in

that quarter to half a million .- Pioneer. Quotations. Horekone, May 30, 1877. PIUM.—New Patna, cash....\$600 Old Patna, casb, ... 565 a 570 a New Benares, cash, 560 Old Benares, cash, 5571 New Malwa, cash, 575 credit, 580 Allowance Taels, 12 a 40 old Malwa, cash, 595 credit, 600 Taols. 32 a 48 Allowanco ... 18.50 a 18.60 CAMPHOR, 69 a 591

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